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In re application of : Confirmation No. 5270  
Takanori SHINOKI et al. ✓ : Docket No. 2000\_0465A  
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated August 13, 2002.

The Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 9-11, 17 and 18.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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